

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CLASS CHANGED TO LOU VICE UNCLAS)

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, JA  
SUBJECT: ANTI-TRUST IMPLICATIONS OF GE-HITACHI JOINT  
VENTURE

1. AT YOUR DISCRETION, REQUEST YOU PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
TO SHENEFIELD, ANTI-TRUST DIVISION, JUSTICE DEPT. AND  
STRAUSS, STR FROM AMBASSADOR.

2. I HAVE HAD INTERESTING CONVERSATION TODAY WITH HOWARD  
ANNIN, FORMER GE HEAD IN TOKYO AND GE VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
REGIONAL RELATIONS. HE HAS BEEN A FAITHFUL SUPPORTER OF  
OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE JAPANESE-US TRADE RELATIONS IN GOOD  
CONDITION.

3. ANNIN TELLS ME THAT GE AND HITACHI HAVE PUT TOGETHER A  
JOINT VENTURE UNDER WHICH THEY WILL CO-PRODUCE TV SETS IN  
GE FACTORIES IN VIRGINIA AND NEW YORK, THAT THERE WILL BE  
SUBSTANTIAL EMPLOYMENT CREATED AND THAT HITACHI WILL  
PROCURE THE COMPONENTS IN THE U.S. GE HAS HEARD THAT  
STAFF IN ANTI-TRUST DIVISION MAY RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL  
ON GROUNDS THAT NEW VENTURE WOULD REPRESENT TOO LARGE  
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A SEGMENT OF U.S. TV INDUSTRY.

4. I CANNOT PRETEND TO BE AN EXPERT ON THE ANTI-TRUST  
LAWS, BUT I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IN MAKING DECISION YOU  
KEEP IN MIND OUR EFFORTS TO DEFUSE TRADE ISSUES BY ENCOUR-  
AGING JAPANESE PRODUCTION IN U.S. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY  
DIFFICULT FOR JAPANESE TO UNDERSTAND OUR REBUFFING

THEIR EFFORTS AT THIS JUNCTURE.

5. I UNDERSTAND REG JONES OF GE WILL BE TALKING TO STR  
ABOUT SITUATION SOON. MANSFIELD

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